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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL FLEET (NAMUCAR)

REF: SAN JOSE 2208

1. DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AND SHIPPING AFFAIRS, KOURUKLIS, IN
CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, INDICATED THAT GOP WAS LESS
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT NAMUCAR AT A TECHNICAL (KOURUKLIS' LEVEL)
THAN AT A POLITICAL LEVEL. HE STATED THAT PANAMA HAD SIGNED
ONLY AFTER BEING CERTAIN THAT THERE WERE SUFFICIENT GUARAN-
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TEES THAT ITS MERCHANT MARINE WOULD NOT BE HARMED AND THAT

NAMUCAR WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMPETITION AND NOT BECOME A MONOPOLY WHICH MIGHT STIMULATE COUNTER MOVES ELSEWHERE.

2. GOP CONTROLLED MATUTINO CALLED NAMUCAR THE ANSWER OF THE VICTIMIZED RAW MATERIAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO THE "COLONIALIST CONSORTIUM, THE SO-CALLED CONFERENCE," ACCUSING IT OF IMPOSING EXORBITANT FREIGHT RATES. THE EDITORIAL VIEWED THE VENTURE AS PART OF THE FIGHT FOR "JUST" PRICES FOR THE PARTICIPANT'S RAW MATERIAL EXPORTS, ACCUSING THE SHIPPING CONFERENCE OF RAISING FREIGHT EACH TIME AN INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS IS WON. VENEZUELA AND MEXICO WERE GIVEN CREDIT FOR SPONSORING NAMUCAR.

3. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF HIGHER LEVEL GOP OFFICIALS THRU DAY-TO-DAY CONTACT RATHER THAN BY DIRECT APPROACH ON SUBJECT. GOP DELEGATION TO SAN JOSE WAS HEADED BY HOUSING MINISTER DE LA OSSA (FORMER AMABSSADOR TO WASHINGTON) INDICATING THAT INTEREST IN THE VENTURE IS WIDELY SHARED WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT. JORDEN

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